Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by)
Iditarod Area School District McGrath, Alaska) File No. SLD-318697
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service) CC Docket No. 96-45
Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.) CC Docket No. 97-21

ORDER

Adopted: July 30, 2003 Released: July 31, 2003

By the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. Iditarod Area School District (Iditarod Area), McGrath, Alaska, seeks review of a decision by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator). At the same time that Iditarod Area filed its request with the Commission, it also filed an appeal of the same decision with SLD. The Commission's rules do not contemplate simultaneous appeals of SLD's decisions to the Administrator and the Commission. We therefore dismiss without prejudice Iditarod Area's Request for Review to the Commission. Once the Administrator has issued its decision, Iditarod Area may then appeal to the Commission, if it believes such an appeal is warranted at that time.

¹ Letter from Isabelle Harrington, Iditarod Area School District, to Federal Communications Commission, filed June 12, 2003 (Request for Review). Any person aggrieved by an action taken by a division of the Administrator may seek review from the Commission. 47 C.F.R § 54.719(c).

² Letter from Isabelle Harrington, Iditarod Area School District, to Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, filed June 13, 2003.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 54.720 (when an applicant has an appeal pending with the Administrator, the period to file with the Commission is tolled until the Administrator's review is complete).

⁴ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.719 – 54.725 (setting forth rules pertaining to Commission review of the Administrator's decisions).

2. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to authority delegated under sections 0.91, 0.291, and 54.722(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 54.722(a), that the Request for Review filed on June 12, 2003, by Iditarod Area School District, McGrath, Alaska, IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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